

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 23, 2003, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 41-63) in the present application.

However, applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement since the subject matter of all of claims 41-80, is sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claims would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that the present application be examined according to MPEP § 803 so as to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to the Applicants and improper duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Further, claims 79 and 80 have been amended to depend from claim 41 of Group I, which is being provisionally elected for prosecution on the merits.

In view of the foregoing all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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